



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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December 1, 2007



City Election Results

Election results from the November 6, 2007 city election:

Mayor:	Votes:		
Larry Young*	180		
Council 4 Year Term:		Council 2 Year Term:	
Don Bonzer*	159	Benjamin DeWitt*	193
Glen D. Kliebenstein*	154	James Thompson	54
Rose Meyer*	132		
Richard Smith	112		
Robert Greenlee	99		
Jeff Nichols	70		

*Represents the winner

Mayor:

Larry Young

Council Members:

Carol Gomez
Glen Kliebenstein
Steve Nieman
Dick Smith
Greg Woodley

City Clerk:

Marilyn Hardee

Public Works Director:

Mike Tellinghuisen

Police Chief:

Louie Staudt

Library Director:

Diane Harms

City Attorney:

Bruce Toenjes
Karl Nelson

City Employees:

Dave Green
Rachel Nieman

Library Assistants:

Deb Heidemann
Sue Kaus

Parks & Rec coordinator:

Theresa Pothast

Fire Chief:

Dwayne Sessler

Ambulance Crew Chief:

Jennifer Nichols



Special Thanks to Outgoing Council Members



On behalf of the remaining council members, the mayor, and the city employees we would like to thank Carol Gomez, Dick Smith, and Greg Woodley for their years of service on the city council.

Carol Gomez has served on the city council since December 4, 2001. Carol has served on the Employee Relations Committee, the Water and Sewer Committees, the Street Committee, and the Clean Up Committee. She also served as Mayor Pro Tem for many years. Carol currently works for the Butler County Sheriff's Department.

Richard Smith has served on the city council since January of 1996. Dick has served on the Employee Relations Committee, the Tree Committee, the Street Committee, and was also Mayor Pro Tem. Dick has volunteered for many years on the Shell Rock Fire and Ambulance Departments. Dick works part-time at The Cooler.

Greg Woodley was on the city council from 1996 until July of 1999 when he was appointed Mayor until January of 2000. Greg returned to the city council on June 6, 2006. Greg has served on the City Property Committee, the Clean Up Committee, the Tree Committee, the Employee Relations Committee, and the Finance Committee. Greg works for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

If you happen to see one of these dedicated civic minded individuals, please remember to thank them for their years of service and for their part in making Shell Rock a GREAT place to live!



Snow Emergencies



Snow Emergencies for Shell Rock are announced on KWAY radio and also KWWL channel 7 on television. In the event a snow emergency is declared, no person shall park or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley or city owned off street parking area, unless the snow has been removed or plowed from the street and the snow has ceased to fall.

*It is the property owners responsibility to keep the sidewalks free from ice and snow.

The city appreciates everyone's cooperation when these situations arise.

Holiday Hours

City Hall and all city departments will be closed on the following days:

December 24 & 25, 2007

January 1, 2008



Reduced Garbage Fees for Low Income -Elderly

Applications are available at city hall for reduced garbage rates for the low income-elderly. If you have filled out papers in the past, you will need to reapply. If you have any questions please contact city hall at 885-6555.

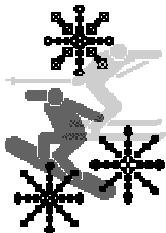
Change in Garbage Pick up Dates

Due to the holidays, garbage pick up will be on **Wed., December 26th and Wed. January 2nd.**



During the holiday, remember to recycle your boxes and wrapping paper.

Winter Session for Recreation Program



We're gearing up for the Winter Session in our recreation program. We've got 63 classes being offered in December, January and February. It's not too late to get involved and have some fun. For \$15.00, you can sign up for up to 4 classes. For a complete listing of classes and their descriptions, log on to our website at:

<http://www.shellrockiowa.org.parksRockinRecreationProgram.htm>

You can also pick up a hard copy at the City Hall or the Benny Gambaiani Public Library. If you have a suggestion or question, we would love to hear from you. Our e-mail address is: recreation@shellrockiowa.org.

Theresa Pothast
Parks & Recreation Coordinator

Shell Rock Museum

The Shell Rock Community Historical Museum is officially closed for its first season. Since opening in July, over 400 people have visited the museum, from 23 states and 4 countries. If you have a group or organization which would like to tour the museum over the winter, contact Linda at 885-6687 to make arrangements. There is still a need for items to exhibit in the museum, especially school items including year books, agricultural tools, and business promotional items. We also need display items such as frames, easels, tables, etc. Thank you everyone for your support. And don't forget to renew your membership. This is an important source of revenue for the Society. The mailing address is SRCHS; PO Box 57; Shell Rock, IA 50670

CHRISTMAS GIFT idea:



The Shell rock Historical Society has several items that would make great Christmas gifts. Many of them are available at the Benny Gambaiani Public Library. The 150th anniversary books have gone to a new printing and we have some on hand. There are also the cemetery books which list the people buried at the Riverside Cemetery and the History of the Museum House books. We have magnets and postcards with new pictures from around Shell Rock and also some postcards with old pictures on them. Check at the library or call Linda at 319-885-6687 to see what we have.



Give a piece of the parks for Christmas!

Give a unique Christmas gift that will last for years, provide activity or comfort to hundreds, and will invest in the future of our community. Parks Galore and a Whole Lot More is sponsoring a holiday fund drive that provides meaningful giving opportunities (they're tax deductible) and helps the Shell Rock parks project move forward. Please, join in, support a community project, and get a special gift for someone on your list.

Phase I of Parks Galore focuses on McCague Park (the pool park) and includes new tennis courts, new volleyball courts, a new basketball court, a new t-ball field, other ball field improvements, expanded play equipment, and a new trail connecting the park with the downtown area. Many of the projects are done or nearly so, and the rest are expected by next summer. Total Phase I cost is \$264,000.

Phase II of the project includes a new walk/bike trail, new disc golf course, and new benches in the dry run area between Washington, Prairie and Courtland Streets in the southeast part of town. Exact cost is not known yet, but this phase of the project is expected to cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

The community has raised enough funds to cover Phase I commitments, but some of the large gifts are multi-year pledges that won't be fully available for another year or two. In addition, we must raise local funds before applying for another CAT grant (Community Attractions and Tourism) from the state, to help out with Phase II costs. (We received \$70,000 in CAT money for Phase I of the project.) We need funds now to help with Phase I cash flow and to begin fund-raising for Phase II.

To get over the next hurdle, we are turning to the community for help. You can sponsor a tree or bench, buy some trail, or simply provide an amount in someone's name as a special gift. We will send you a certificate identifying the gift, for you to give to the honoree. Or you may, of course, choose to give a gift in memory of someone special. Benches will include plaques identifying honored individuals. All gifts of \$500 or more will be recognized on a large donor board at the conclusion of the project. All gifts, large or small, will be included in a gift summary list. (You may choose to remain anonymous, if you prefer.)

Recognition levels for donation board: Player (\$500-\$999), Coach (\$1,000-\$4,999), Official (\$5,000-\$9,999), Director (\$10,000-\$24,999), Owner (\$25,000-\$49,999) and Commissioner (\$50,000 and up)

YES, I would like to help the parks project in Shell Rock!

I would like to contribute in the following way:

- Memorial Bench \$1,000 plaque and donation board recognition \$ _____
- Fund a Tree \$500 donation board recognition \$ _____
- Trail by the Foot \$25/ft or \$100 for 5 feet \$ _____
- General Donation any amount \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

In Honor of/In Memory of: _____

Send donations to: Parks Galore, c/o Security State Bank, PO Box 430, Shell Rock, IA 50670.
Please order by Dec. 14 to ensure a certificate before Christmas. *All donations are tax deductible.*

Is the Automatic Payment Plan for You Plan for you?

It is if you like to....

1. Save TIME

2. Save MONEY

The automatic payment plan allows your utility bill to be paid directly from your bank account on the due date of the bill every month at no cost, regardless of where you bank! Your bill will state when the payment begins.

It is simple!

1. Complete the form

2. Return it to City Hall

Call 885-6555 for more information

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN PREAUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

Name _____

Service Address _____

Telephone # _____

Customer Account # _____

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Name _____

City _____ State _____

Bank Routing # _____

Bank Account # _____

I/We authorize the City of Shell Rock to receive automatic payment for my/our utility bill. It is also agreed the financial Institution named above will debit my Account.

Signature

Please return this for to: Shell Rock City Hall, P.O. Box 522, Shell Rock, IA 50670